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# WEST BANK/GAZA

## FOOD FOR PEACE FACT SHEET

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### Food Security Situation\*

- Since 1994 the U.S. Government through USAID has provided more than \$3.4 billion in U.S. economic and development assistance to Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, making the United States the leading bilateral donor to Palestinians.
- In 2007, the Israeli imposed blockade on the Gaza Strip restricted imports and exports to the territory. Palestinians continue to experience a decline in their living standards and a regression of the economy due to internal and external movement restrictions, limited control over natural resources, restricted access to local and international markets
- WFP has been providing the most vulnerable Palestinians with 'digital food' through an electronic voucher system that allows people to redeem their electronic coupons through a swipe card in selected shops. This allows for a more diversified range of food items.



Map: CIA World Factbook

### Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2012	-----	-----
Fiscal Year 2011	\$9.9 million	8,699 MT
Fiscal Year 2010	-----	-----
Fiscal Year 2009	\$20.7 million	21,430 MT
Fiscal Year 2008	-----	-----

### Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partner	FY12		FY11			
	Emergency		EFSP		Title II Emergency	
	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons
WFP*	-----	-----	\$5.4	4,219	\$4.5	4,480

### Food for Peace Program Details

<b>Awardee:</b>	World Food Program
<b>Targeted Beneficiaries:</b>	435,000 food-insecure, non-refugee Palestinians in the Gaza Strip; 32,000 food-insecure, non-refugee Palestinians in the West Bank
<b>Projects:</b>	General food distribution; food vouchers; local procurement
<b>Project Locations:</b>	West Bank and Gaza Strip

\* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons; WFP: World Food Program;

\* Food Security Situation information provided by the World Food Program and UNICEF, October 2011.